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Chief Executive Officer

March 4, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 29, MALIBU  
APPROVAL OF WAIVER/REDUCTION OF WATER BILL AND RECONNECTION  
CHARGES FOR CUSTOMERS IMPACTED BY THE CANYON AND CORRAL FIRES  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)  
(3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 29, MALIBU:**

1. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to waive water bill charges during the billing cycles of the Canyon and Corral Fires in October and November 2007, respectively, for customers with homes or businesses that were destroyed or substantially damaged, as determined by the Director of Public Works or his designee, in the fires.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to reduce water bill charges for consumption during the billing cycles of the Canyon and Corral Fires from the excessive water-use rate to the normal water-use rate for properties in the fire zone upon request by the customer.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to waive all applicable charges for customers with homes or businesses that were destroyed or substantially damaged, as determined by the Director of Public Works or his designee, in the Canyon and/or Corral Fires to restore their water service with the same size meter and service connection or to

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upgrade their water service to a larger meter and service connection for fire sprinklers that are required as a condition of reconstruction.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to waive and/or reduce the water bill and reconnection charges for customers impacted by the Canyon and Corral Fires in October and November 2007, respectively.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) by reducing the impact of the Canyon and Corral Fires on customers and facilitating the reestablishment of water service to customers with homes or businesses destroyed or substantially damaged by the fires.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total cost of these actions is estimated to be \$180,000. The cost will be partially offset by a credit of \$17,500 provided to Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu, by the West Basin Municipal Water District, wholesale water supplier for Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu, for water purchased during the fires. Sufficient funds for the actions are available in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 District General Fund (N32).

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The proposed actions have been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Pursuant to Section 21065 of the Public Resources Code, the approval to waive and/or reduce water bill and reconnection charges will not cause a physical change in the environment and, therefore, does not constitute a project subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

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**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended actions will reduce the impact of the Canyon and Corral Fires on our customers and facilitate the reestablishment of water service to customers with homes or businesses destroyed or substantially damaged by the fires. The proposed actions will not have a negative impact on existing services or planned projects.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Waterworks Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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c: County Counsel